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Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?



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Bulletin Board

The Lee College Alumni Association extends a special invitation to all Alumni to attend the Alumni activities of the 1959 school closing. A wonderful time of fellowship and renewal of old acquaintances await all who attend.

Donald S. Aultman, President, announces the following Alumni plans for this year.

Wednesday, May 20—Dinner for State Alumni Presidents

Thursday, Alumni Day

8:30 a.m.—Senior Breakfast (Sponsored by the faculty)

9:30 a.m.—Registration and Reunion
(Emphasizing reunion for Alumni
attending during the Fifties.)

10:00 a.m.—Business Meeting and Election of Officers

2:00 p.m.—Softball Game

6:00 p.m.—Alumni Banquet, Theme:
"On to a Thousand"

Feature activity of the day will be the Alumni Banquet. The theme of the banquet this year will emphasize the renewed interest which the Alumni Association is taking in recruiting students for Lee. The banquet speaker will be Cecil B. Knight, Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director. Bennie Triplett, Vice-President of the Alumni Association, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The banquet will also feature the presentation of the annual awards of: Alumnus of the Year and Alumni Chapter of the Year; the installation of the new Alumni officers; and a delightful dinner and musical program.

It is the sincere desire of the Alumni Association that everyone who possibly can attend will be present at school closing this year and thereby give a hearty vote of approval to the work of our school.

WORKERS NEEDED! Anyone interested in pastoral or evangelistic work in Montana please contact me immediately.

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OUR TRAVELS

James A. Cross

REV. T. A. Perkins, state overseer of Kentucky, Rev. L. H. Aultman, Executive Missions Secretary, and I landed in London about 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 4. After the formalities of customs, we moved outside the airport where we were met by Rev. A. O. Lyseight and several of the brethren.

Two cars transported us to the home of Brother Marsh, one of the local pastors in London, where after refreshing ourselves, we were served with a very fine breakfast. Brother Lyseight gave us the plans for the day and for Sunday, which seemed to be a very full schedule.

Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. the overseer, Rev. Lyseight, and the ministers met in the Boy Scout's hall for a ministers' meeting. There were eighteen licensed ministers present for the session. Committee members, clerks, and workers were also in attendance to make a total of forty-two. The session was a very enjoyable one and all business was properly transacted.

Before going any further with this article, I should state that the ministers and members here, for the most part, are all from Jamaica. They are fine

people and real Church of God folk. I have been pleasantly and agreeably surprised at the number of people and the congregations. We have eleven churches organized with 373 members. The churches are growing and the prospects are most promising. The only difficulty at present is the obtaining of property. Land and buildings are hard to purchase and extremely expensive. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will provide churches for these people.

Saturday night's service was held in the Boy Scout's hall. All available seats were taken and some were standing. Brother Aultman, Brother Perkins and I were introduced and the people were very glad to see us and to know that the Church in America was taking such an interest in them. I spoke that night to an attentive congregation.

Following the services, we loaded up for the trip to Birmingham. It is about 140 miles from London. The trip was very interesting but seemed long to us. We arrived in Birmingham about 1 a.m. and Brother Aultman and I stayed with Brother Johnson, one of the pastors, while Brother Perkins went to Wolverhampton and stayed with Brother Ly-

seight. All of us were ready for bed. (Since none of us had been in bed since Thursday night, you can imagine our need for some rest.)

Sunday morning services in the Birmingham area were held at Hansworth in the school house which they rented for services. Brother Aultman preached that morning and three were saved. At the same time Brother Perkins was preaching to a group in the Wolverhampton Church with the notable results of five conversions. The hall was packed there; and at Hansworth, there were at least 150 in attendance.

Sunday evening, Brother Aultman, Brother Lyseight and Brother Johnson motored up to Sheffield for service, a distance of about seventy miles. A wonderful service was conducted there. I remained at Wolverhampton for services with Brother Perkins. They moved to a larger hall for the night service and nearly 200 were there that night. I spoke with great liberty to a hungry people. One was converted.

I am greatly encouraged with the outlook and earnestly desire your prayers for this work. It is composed largely of our colored people from Jamaica, but God is able to open additional doors in this area. Pray for God to enable these people to get property and to enlarge their present operation. Brother Lyseight and his ministers are to be commended for their great work.

Monday afternoon found us back in

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Tibet:

Eventual Wedge in the Door of Closed China?

By LARRY WARD

Director, E. P. News Service

AS GROWING TENSIONS in fabled Tibet finally exploded into actual fighting in early spring, missions-minded observers took a long look at this land of mystery.

What the immediate results of the uprising there will be remains to be seen, but it is possible that—whatever happens at the moment on the Tibetan Plateau—the eruption may have set off a chain reaction far bigger and more significant than itself.

Sparsely-populated Tibet (its population of less than a million is scattered across an area twice the size of Texas) was "liberated" by the Chinese Communists in 1950. At this time, reportedly, some of the defeated Chinese Nationalist forces moved back into the mountain fastnesses of this country on the "roof of the world." Now, apparently, they have joined with the Tibetan rebels in the anti-Communist uprisings.

Rumors of rebellion against the Red China regime have leaked out of Tibet for many months. Concurrently, throughout the last few years and especially in recent months, new missionary activity has been launched along the Tibetan border at several key points. Some of these developments, notable in areas formerly closed to the gospel, are still understandably "top secret"; but they make for interesting speculation.

The combination of these factors—revolt in Tibet, missionary advance along its borders—could, in the opinion of some, be the wedge that in time and in the provi-

dence of God at least cracks open the door of China to permit the re-entrance of the gospel. No one looks for this in the immediate offing, but at least the faltering Red hold on this huge area seems to offer more present hope for a gospel re-invasion than the still-shackled China proper.

Chiang Kai-Shek has obviously found some measure of hope in the Tibetan upsurge. He has offered

Tibet its independence if and when the Chinese Nationalists regain the mainland, and reports from his government have played up gains allegedly made by the revolting anti-Communist forces.

Tibet of course, presents its own picture of spiritual need. It has 3,000 Buddhist monasteries, and the vast majority of its people follow two leaders: the god-king Dalai Lama, believed to be the reincarnation of Chin Rezi, Lord of Mercy; and the Panchen Lama, who lays claim to being Rezi's reincarnated teacher.

But the years ahead, fantastic as it would have seemed to some a few years ago (and to many may seem now), could see China, rich in missionary history despite its present tragic state, reached again . . . this time through previously unreachable Tibet!

Not long ago I stood and looked at what was to me a scene of real tragedy. At first glance, probably nothing about it would seem too tragic. White clouds floated lazily

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Tools That Can Never Build A Free World



IF YOU COULD have seen me five years ago before the Lord saved me from dope and alcoholism, you could not believe a person's appearance and character could be changed so completely. I was a habitual dope addict. For days I would be under the influence of dope. I'd walk the streets at night for hours, not knowing who I was or where I was going. I'd stop at every saloon on the block then go on to the next block, stop and have another drink until I'd be so drunk from alcohol, along with the dope, that I couldn't walk. When the withdraw symptoms would start on me, I nearly went out of my mind. I had spent all the money I had for drink and had to steal money to get another shot of dope. Once I landed in Connecticut; how I got there I didn't know. This time I had no so-called friends I could go to for help, so I had to hitchhike back to New York to find myself without an apartment. The landlady had sold all my possessions of value for the rent due her. I had no job and no place to go, so out again I went to the saloons waiting for people to buy me a drink and for an opportunity to steal money from drunks to buy a "fix" of dope.

One day I woke up to find myself in a hospital where I was undergoing treatment. I felt when I left the hospital that it was all over. I left New York and went to Pennsylvania for a while, got a job, and went in training as a nurse. After my graduation I came to Washington, D. C., and got a good job making a decent living. Again I started to get the urge to take dope. It started all over again—a "fix" every day at the rate of \$25 a shot. I started drinking again and found myself in such a state I couldn't sleep, eat, or even be contented. I got involved with a bad gang who were dope addicts and drunkards. Every night of the week I was so drunk I didn't know who I was. Then one morning I woke up with such a pain around my heart that it was all I could do to light a cigarette. Getting out of bed, I fell to the floor. After a while I finally got

up and called a doctor. When she came and told me I had a heart attack, I couldn't believe that this could happen to me. I was forbidden by my doctor to take another drink or smoke again, but after a few days I felt good again. A few weeks later I had another heart attack and was hospitalized. After coming out of the hospital, I went to work and really made up my mind to change my life. For two weeks I didn't take a drink or "fix" of Heroin. I then started getting headaches that lasted for days. When I went to the doctor for my weekly check-up, I told her about these severe headaches. I told her of how I staggered slightly when I walked and of the dizziness it caused.

Upon my doctor's recommendation, I went to a brain specialist. He took a series of X rays and found that I had a brain tumor. He put me in the hospital for more tests. While I was in the hospital, these headaches seemed almost unbearable. They took me to the X-ray room and used an isotope machine to find the location of the brain tumor. After a series of tests they found that I could not undergo surgery because of the condition of my heart. They said if I would consent to a heart operation they could take out the leakage valve and insert a plastic one, but I was so afraid of such an operation that I wouldn't consent.

After my release, my doctor called me to come in to her office. She informed me that it was just a matter of time. They had done all they could possibly do for me. I had only 18 months to 2 years to live. While in the hospital, I had asked God to bring me out of this state. I had promised Him that I would live for Him, but when I returned home, I forgot all the promises I made to God. I started taking dope once again. I thought if I only had 18 months to 2 years to live I might as well live it up. Then one night when I came home in a drunken mess, God started to deal with my life. This verse of Scripture came to my thoughts, "As I live, saith the

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I Was a Dope Addict Until God Made Me a New Creature

By **ETHEL L. JONES**

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(Reprinted by request)

The Defended Sister

By BESSIE PUCKETT

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"And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is

needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her," Luke 10:-41, 42.

A WOMAN named Martha received Jesus into her house when He had entered her village neighborhood. Martha's sister, Mary, must have lived with her. There was as much difference between these two sisters as we often find in families of today.

Martha was a good woman. No doubt she loved Jesus and wanted to make Him feel welcome in her home. She was of a very busy nature, active, hospitable and perhaps the very best of housekeepers. This is to be appreciated in any sister, of course, and I don't think Jesus was condemning her on her activeness, but He knew she was more concerned to be perfect in these things than she was to listen to His words.

Martha became annoyed at Mary because she wasn't assisting with the meal or with whatever she might have been needing help at the time that she spoke the words to Jesus, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." Maybe Martha had noticed Mary's attentiveness to Jesus' words; she could have felt a little jealous and

wanted to break up that close attention they were sharing together. Martha was like many of today. She was just too busy to listen to the Master; yet she was willing to serve.

Mary, with her quiet disposition, was a very deep thinker and leaned more toward spiritual life. She had a consecration in her heart that Martha did not have and Jesus knew it, so He, defending her, answered Martha, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

One thing is needful to the world today. People are in a mad rush making plans and preparations. It seems that they think they are here forever. While they know they are not here to stay, they are too busy with this life to give any consideration to the soul's welfare, the ONE thing that is needful. There are many Christians who are more concerned about the cares of this life than of their spiritual life. That is one reason they care so little about the Word of God.

Some time ago a lady said, "I never care if a preacher preaches well or if he can't preach; all I care about is that the preacher have a good personality. I don't even care what he preaches." But when we stand before God, some preacher's personality will not be the answer for us. People may think they can give the Word of God the "run around" and get by with it, but they will awaken to find the difference, many of them when it is too late to do anything about it.

Mary was listening to the words of Jesus and He was so well pleased with her choice that He defended her by telling Martha, "It shall not be taken away from her."

Mary's desire to hear and learn from Jesus was something of which to be proud. If it is your desire to hear the Word and then to practice it, then you have something in your heart to be proud of, because everyone doesn't have that desire. David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." If we have the Word in our hearts, then we have what we need to fight the devil when he strikes a blow. The Word of God builds a wall of protection around us if we put it into practice, which is one thing that is needful. "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:21, 22).

Mary was enjoying what she was learning from the Saviour. Jesus loved her for it; He defended her. Maybe Martha became offended at Jesus when she saw that He would not take from Mary the desire and pleasure of listening to Him—the good part chosen. When people live in Mary's attitude toward the Lord, they can keep a revival in their souls.

Some, like Martha, are good and, in a sense, love the Lord; they go to church when they don't have anything else to do, when they have something new to wear,

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"There sure are a lot of cars parked outside the church tonight."

"Yes! there sure are."

"I see a projector all set-up; it looks like we are going to have a film."

"Yes! it looks like it alright."

"I smell something cooking too; we must be going to have something to eat."

"Yes! it sure smells like it."

"I see a lot of teen-agers; this must be a special youth activity."

"Yes! it must be."

"Always up to tricks; how's it going, Bob? Welcome to the Youth-O-Rama."

"It's good to be here. My young people have been looking forward to this event for a long time. You would be surprised how excited they have been over this banquet."

"Have them go straight back to the banquet room, Bob; it's about time to start."

Excitement, entertainment and elated teen-agers were the key marks of distinction at the first Waycross District Youth-O-Rama. On Saturday night, April 4, teen-agers from the churches on the Waycross District gathered together at the Brunel Street Church for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and spiritual encouragement.

The Youth-O-Rama consisted of three stages: *Food for Body*, *Food for Thought*, and *Food for Vision*.

Food for Body

The evening began with a big banquet in the decorated and very elaborately arranged small auditorium. Oh boy! was that food good. We ate by candlelight too; that always makes a meal taste better. Nice golden brown fried chicken—I like white meat and that's what I had. Fresh pole beans, garden tossed salad, potato salad, hot rolls, tea, pie and cake; man-o-man—that's the most. I picked up that last phrase from the teen-agers. Everybody was laughing, telling humorous stories, kidding one another, taking pictures; we really had a good time.

Food for Thought

It's tough to be a teen-ager. They are the nucleus of much

Waycross District

(Georgia) Youth-O-Rama

By FLOYD D. CAREY, Jr., Waycross, Georgia

criticism, debate and polemical arguments. With these facts in mind, a series of "Spiritual Teen Morale Boosters" were planned for the O-Rama.

The Reverend Cecil Hand, district youth director of the Alma District, spoke on "Youth and Temptation." "The modern age creates for the teen-ager many temptations and trials, but Christ will always see you through; and in your hour of darkness, the Light of Liberty will always come shining through."

The district overseer of the Alma District, Reverend T. W. Waits, spoke on "Youth and Triumphant Living." "Triumphant living does not consist in deviating from the course of acceptable Christian truths to have fellowship with the world, but rather to follow God's prescribed pattern; and in so doing, your life will shine out into darkness as a light to the lost."

"Orbit Around the Son" was the topic of Reverend Floyd D. Carey, Jr., Waycross district youth director. "Scientists are trying to orbit artificial planets around the sun; earth people are orbiting around their goal in life; Teen-agers, start in the early stages

of your life to Orbit Around The Son—Jesus Christ."

Food for Vision

At the close of the banquet everyone assembled in the main auditorium for a film, "Missionary to Walker's Garage." "A young person armed with the truth and a desire to work for his Master can accomplish staggering feats for the Lord." I believe that the young and old alike went home Saturday night with a deep burning desire to witness more than ever about Christ, the One who picked them up from sin and gave them the promise of perpetual peace.

The concluding remarks were made by Reverend LeRoy Carver, district overseer, who was a firm supporter and promoter of the project.

"It looks like all the cars are leaving."

"Yes! it sure looks like it."

"I think everyone had a good time."

"Yes! I think they did."

"I guess the special Youth-O-Rama is over."

"Yes! I guess so."

"So long, Bob; hope you have a good day tomorrow; see you at the next district rally."

IN THE GARDEN of Gethsemane, Jesus came face to face with Himself, as well as with His Father. This was a time of earnest soul searching which elicited the cry from the tortured lips of the Son of Man, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." In that cry was the passionate desire for the fullness of human life that he did not have the time nor privilege to enjoy.

There were so many things yet

postpones the time of reckoning.

None of us can have everything we want. There comes a time in our lives when we must face our own destiny, our broken dreams, and dashed hopes. We must look at ourselves in the light of the stark realism of life. Who are we? Where are we going? What do we really want? We ask ourselves these questions and we are not always able to find the answers we want. When we are able to look at ourselves

es better than He. "Peter, James, John—for shame, sleeping at such a time. Misery is compounded in the soul of your Lord and you dream. Peter, do you not realize that in only a few hours you will curse and swear that you don't know your Lord? Judas is even now bargaining for the life of his Master. All of you will flee before the mob. I'm alone in my misery. The blackness of death reaches out to clutch me. Oh God, is there none who will walk with me? Is there none who will share my heavy load? I cannot—I cannot bear it, but I must. For this cause I came, oh my Father. This curse of loneliness, this aching well of blackness without human comfort, I must endure. Thy will be done, not mine."

The burdensome load of physical weariness can embitter the cup of suffering. Nights of sleeplessness take their toll. While the disciples dreamed of the future glory of the kingdom, Jesus was spending sleepless nights in prayer. The constant traveling and preaching had sapped the vitality from the frame of the Nazarene. Now with waning strength, He faces the cross. "Oh, my God, can I not rest? Is relaxation only for my disciples? Still, I know that the test is before me. I must win, not only for myself but for You and for all mankind. I bear the burden, but I must not fall. Oh, my Father, my body is tired and weary. I must sleep; I must rest. But to share human misery, I came to this world. See this bloody sweat that drips from my brow? Not my will but thine be done."

When Jesus had faced His own humanity and had put to death the longing of His heart for human fulfillment; when He faced the cross with all that it meant in suffering and shame, He could then say, "Thy will be done." To ignore our desires for human fulfillment will not solve our problems; to deny them is not to destroy them. To face them and be willing to trust God to do only that which is best for us is the path that leads to eventual completeness. Then, and only then, can we cry with our Lord, "Not my will, but thine."

The Cup of Bitterness

By **EARL J. GILBERT**

Pastor, Elkins, West Virginia

Scripture: Matthew 26:38-46

undone, so many things of this life of which to savor. Yet, in His heart Jesus knew these things could never be. He had come to this world for one purpose, to offer Himself for the sins of man. To go on living in this world would be to forfeit His original goal. His one overwhelming passion all His life had been to do His Father's will. Now He could not be untrue to His life's purpose without being untrue to Himself.

Some of us mortals would have tried to ignore the facts of the coming sacrifice. Others would have lost sight of goals and eventual accomplishments, but not the Son of Man. The man who turns to drink or to drugs is trying to avoid facing himself. Ostrich like, he is burying his head in the sand of physical oblivion. This is not the only way in which the weak try to escape. But no matter how we try to escape the bitterness of life, it yet remains. The escapist fools no one, least of all himself. The threat to self still remains and he merely

objectively, we do not always like what we see.

We see our lives dwindling away with the dreams of youth unfilled. Worse than that, we face the fact that they can never be. Then in the throes of our bitterness, we cry, "Let this cup pass from me." In the same breath we acknowledge the divine purpose of our lives by saying, "Thy will be done." If we are unable to resign ourselves to His will, we go through life struggling with our fate only to find, alas, that no man can win in a contest with God. With broken spirit and blighted dreams, we bow before Him at last in death.

The cup of bitterness is composed of many ingredients, each one intensifying the bitterness of the whole. One of the most bitter drops in the cup of suffering is that of faithless friends. The Master of men knew that His disciples were weak. He had lived with them. He had heard their questions. He had listened to their childish arguments. None knew their weakness-

EXTRAVAGANT SERVICE

John 12:1-8

THE BIBLE SPEAKS of many suppers, some great and some small, but one stands out above all others. The Bible says that supper was prepared for Jesus at Bethany, the home of Lazarus. That was the most remarkable supper that ever took place in the world, not just because Jesus was there, but because a man who had been dead and buried was one of the guests. It was the most remarkable of all suppers. Martha served, and Mary, of course, sat at the feet of Jesus. Which was the better woman, Martha, doing the work around the house, or Mary, attending a prayer meeting? I have come to the conclusion that each one fills a great place in life's work.

"Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment" (John 12:3). Then Judas Iscariot said, "Why do you waste all this precious ointment? [Someone has said it would be worth about \$600 in our money.] Why not sell it and give the money to the poor?" It is always fine to give to the poor, but everything should be in its place. That would have been the second best thing to do this time. The best thing was to break the ointment, as Mary did. It is a very dangerous thing to do the second best. I have done the second best and always came out lacking. God wants our best. Of course, Judas had in his mind another best—that he might take the money for himself.

I call your attention to some things in which you ought to be

extravagant. Until you have gone to the point of being criticized by the man who doesn't love Jesus, you have not gone far enough. Judas said, "Why this waste?" If you have not done things to the point of being criticized for your overzealous ways, you have not done what you ought to do.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus must have been wealthy people in their day. They possessed something of this world's goods, and that is the reason Mary bought a \$600 gift and poured it on Jesus' feet. Anything less would have been a reflection upon them. It matters not whether people have much or little. A person is to give in proportion as he has been blessed. Somebody might have brought one dollar's worth of this ointment and placed it on the feet of Jesus, and it would have been just as acceptable.

God arranged the way of financing His program in the finest way. A great businessman said: "I would give one million dollars if I had a plan as equitable and as just in running my great business as God has arranged in running His business." God has arranged for us to bring what we have. If we haven't much, all right; if we have much, then we ought to give much. I wish we might learn, if we never learn anything else, that to give as the Lord has prospered us is the only great Scriptural basis of giving (1 Corinthians 16:2).

Furthermore, we possess a personal individual talent that we ought to give to God. For some it may be singing, for some serving as usher, for others, the ability to be Sunday School superinten-

dent, Y.P.E. president, or a Sunday School teacher. Our personal talent may be one thing or it may be another; that is God's business. But whatever personal talent we have, we must use it; we must pour it out at His feet, just as Mary did this material gift.

The house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Jesus, Lazarus, Martha, Mary, and many other guests were gathered around the supper table, reclining in the oriental fashion. The Pharisees looked through the window and said, "What is that? That is the sweetest odor I have ever smelled!" But what the fault-finding Pharisees did not know was that the odor of the ointment resulted from Mary's extravagant giving. The very men who came to kill got the influence!

You cannot keep the aroma of a rose; put it behind the living room screen, and the minute you enter the room you know there is a rose. Neither can you conceal a good deed. If it is sincere, it will certainly be of service to the Master. Don't think that people will not know what you are doing for God. They will! God will see to it that the influence of a beautiful deed is going to reach somewhere.

THE BEAUTIFUL part of all this is that Mary's extravagant giving shows us that hearts taught by love do the right thing. Sometimes the head goes wrong and thinking may not be clear, but the heart that loves Jesus is going to do the right thing. Jesus, God's Son, said, "She did right." Judas said, "She did not." And Mary was the one that decided.

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OUR TRAVELS

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London for a meeting with some of the Elim brethren. A delightful time of fellowship followed with Brothers Greenway, Phillips, Gormon, Davis, and Stephens. We were agreeably surprised to meet Brother J. A. Saayman of South Africa also. Tonight we had a nice visit here in London with Brother Percy Brewster of Cardiff Wales, who is also with the Elim Church.

Tomorrow we leave for Paris and Germany to see Brother Lauster and our Bible School.

EXTRAVAGANT SERVICE

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Why?—because she loved! The heart that loves will always do the right thing.

Marys may be found in every local Church of God. When others say the job cannot be done, the Marys step forth and say that it can. The reason we have beautiful churches in practically every major city of America is because of a lot of Marys' extravagant service. They have given until it hurt. They have worked until their bodies ached at night. Judas is always standing by to say they are doing it to be seen of people. But the Spirit of God says they are doing it because they have fallen in love with Jesus. The Marys are the ones who decide; why?—because they love.

Mary helped Jesus when she had the opportunity. Jesus said, "Let her alone, against the day of my death she has done this. She has brought this ointment and put it on my tired feet, while I am still living." The time to help people is while they are still living. I do not know when I am going to die; it might be while I am away from home. But this I do know, I had rather my Christian brothers and sisters help me to do good while I am still living. I had rather have their co-operation, love, and prayers in these days in which I am laboring than to have all the

truck loads of flowers they might bring to my grave. I want the help of my Christian brothers and sisters while I am living. After I have gone to glory, I do not need them. But I need them now and need them badly!

The American visitor to China when he saw the people bring rice and place it on the grave asked, "When do you expect the dead to come up and eat the rice?" The Chinese said, "The same day your dead come up from the grave and smell the roses you put there." People need things while they live. Jesus said, "Against the day of my death she has done this." Let us go out and live a life of extravagant service.

I WAS A DOPE ADDICT UNTIL GOD MADE ME A NEW CREATURE

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Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11).

That night when I went to bed, I dreamed of hell. I thought that I died and when they lowered my casket I could see it going down, down, down, until it hit a big black pit. When the casket stopped I walked out to find myself in front of Satan. I saw friends and loved ones there crying for mercy, pleading for God to save them, but it was too late. The heat was so intense that when I awoke I was soaked with perspiration. I was so scared I just shook all over and all I could do was stare into space for a while.

That week, on November 6, 1956, the Church of God was having a Prayer Conference in Williamsburg, Maryland. The pastor, Rev. Douglas Poole, of the Rockville, Maryland, Church of God invited as many people as possible to go to this prayer conference. One of the sisters from the church called me by phone. I was drinking at the time, but she asked me to go with her to Williamsburg, Maryland, to

this conference. I told her if I woke up in the morning without a hangover I would go along with her. After hanging up the phone I had a great urge to go downtown to get a shot of dope. But suddenly, God spoke and told me to go to the prayer conference. So I got ready, called Sister Eva back and told her I would go with her. That night I was so convicted of my past I got up and left the church. After I was outside a few minutes, the Lord spoke to me and said, "This is your last time to repent of sin, for my Spirit will not always strive with you. 'Come; for all things are now ready'" (Luke 14:17). So I went back in the church, knelt down, and started to pray. I prayed for hours, but I felt as if I were praying to a stone wall. I got up off my knees and went to the altar where there were 33 preachers of the Church of God praying. I knelt down and started to pray again. Then God opened the doors for me. I prayed for 4½ hours that night—till 3:30 a.m.—fighting the devil. Then Jesus came into my heart, saved me from hell on earth, and gave me a new heart and a determination to go all the way with Him.

The next day at 9:00 a.m., there was a healing service. After a few hours of sleep at Rev. Evans' home, Sister Eva and I went back to church for this wonderful healing service. The state overseer, Rev. Ray Hughes, along with the preachers, anointed and prayed for me. The power of God went through me like a bolt of lightning, and I knew that by His stripes I was healed. After a few weeks, I went to my doctor for a check-up and they took another X ray to find the brain tumor. It was gone completely and the electrocardiogram showed that my heart was perfect.

Praise the Lord for His mercy to reach down and heal me and for His love to save my wicked soul. My only determination is to serve Him with all my heart and preach His wonderful Word of salvation to all men.

Thank God for His mercy!

TIBET: EVENTUAL WEDGE IN THE DOOR OF CLOSED CHINA

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against an azure blue sky, and the hills before me were green and rolling.

But the tragedy was reflected in a signboard—a sign with bold white letters standing out against a black background: "*Beyond this point is a closed area.*" As I lifted my eyes to look off at those nearby hills—the green hills of Red China—I realized how terribly accurate were the words of that sign. How great an investment the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ had made in that land in days gone by! It had been stained with the blood of the martyrs like John and Betty Stam; it had known the constraining love of Christ through the lives of dedicated men and brave "small women." But now: "a closed area."

I prayed then, as I pray now when I read of grass roots resistance in China's communes and of the beginnings of revolt in Tibet, that God may one day reach down from heaven . . . in His time and His way . . . to tear that Bamboo Curtain from top to bottom even as He rent the veil of the Temple on that day so long ago. God grant that it may be soon!

THE DEFENDED SISTER

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or when the church has a visiting minister for a service; they give in the offering when they have anything left that they don't especially need for themselves and maybe pay tithes once in a while. Yes, they are very busy people, rushing, but not realizing they are rushing into eternity. All the while, they watch those who are faithful and try to find something to condemn the faithful, reaching to take from them that good part.

I have an idea that the people who are more like Mary are the people who have the favor of God upon their lives. These still have time to study the Word and have their family altars alight with the Holy Ghost fire. These are the ones that the church and pastor can depend upon in all

kinds of circumstances. These will be ready to go when Jesus comes.

Just the other day a man said, "Oh! I wish I could have lived at the time I could have seen and known Jesus personally. Oh! I could have listened to Him all day and enjoyed doing everything I could to please Him." But we have His words; the Bible is for us to go by. If we don't obey His words now, neither would we have obeyed Him, had we lived in that day. John 14:23, 24 reads: "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him,

and make our abode with him. He that loveth me NOT keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."

Martha's interests could all be taken from her. The things of the world will not stand; they are all perishable. Mary had chosen that good part, and Jesus said, "It shall not be taken away from her."

I read an article some time ago which stated the question asked a small Sunday School student, "Where had you rather live than anywhere in this whole world?" The boy answered, "In the Word of God; it shall never pass away."



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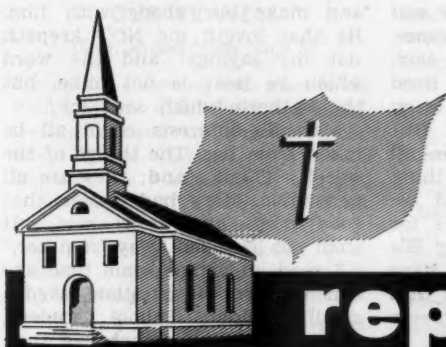
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A New Church in Mulberry



MULBERRY, Fla.—In the early months of 1958, Rev. Lindsey Croft, then pastor of the Bradley Church of God, started making plans to establish a church in Mulberry. This thriving little city, just seven miles from Bradley, seemed to be the ideal place for a new work. At this time Rev. Franklin D. Lett was evangelizing in the State of Florida. He was informed of the plans for a church in Mulberry and indicated an interest in working with Brother Croft in getting the new church founded. The church at Bradley engaged the services of Brother Lett as assistant pastor. This was a progressive move that enabled Brothers Lett and Croft to work together on the project.

The first inroads in the city were made through prayer meetings and visitation. Property was purchased in May, 1958, the ground was broken, and work on the new church building began. Through the hard work of Brother Lett and Brother Croft, and with the help of the State Office and many friends, the church building was completed. The church was fortunate to have a man of Brother Lett's many abili-

ties to go ahead with the actual construction. An attractive worship center was erected to the glory of God in less than three months.

On July 28, 1958, the Church of God in Mulberry was officially organized with 23 members. Brother Franklin Lett was appointed pastor. Since that time the church has prospered and has grown into an established church in this community.

There are now 25 families regularly attending the church. There are 27 members and Sunday School enrollment is 80. The record Sunday School attendance is 90, and the Y.P.E. has climbed to a high of 95. Since the church was organized the tithes have averaged more than \$350 per month, with an all time high of \$432. A very active L.W.W.B. contributes from \$100 to \$150 to the income of the church.

The church building, pictured above, was erected at a cost of \$9,000. This was made possible by the free labor of Brother Lett and others. The church is equipped with rest rooms, a church office, a new piano and pews. The estimated value is more than \$20,000. The present debt on church, equipment

and property is less than \$6,000. Plans are now under way for a new Sunday School addition.

The wonderful work done in Mulberry is a tribute to the hard work and faithfulness of its members and friends. It also indicates the vision of Brother and Sister Lett. Although Brother Lett is a young minister, this is the second new church which he has helped to organize and establish, the other being in Traverse City, Michigan.

Under the direction of the Holy Spirit we can expect great things from the work in mulberry. Many souls will be won to Christ through the full gospel message in this city. Your earnest prayers for this new church will insure its continued success.

—Donald S. Aultman, reporter

Wisconsin-Minnesota State Prayer Conference

Although January 16 was very, very cold in Wisconsin, the ministers and laity were making their way to the Kenosha Church of God in Kenosha, Wis., because it was time for the Wisconsin-Minnesota prayer conference. Everyone came with great expectations because of the special program which our State Overseer, Rev. W. J. Brown, had carefully and prayerfully prepared. We all knew that we were going to be blessed with a feast from the Master's table and we were not disappointed, because throughout the entire prayer conference we could feel the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Friday night, January 16, our prayer conference was officially opened by Brother Brown. Rev. Jack H. Adams the host pastor, greeted the delegates. He and his wife worked very hard to see that everyone was welcomed and to see that the physical needs were met.

After the devotion and special singing, everyone eagerly awaited the highlight of the evening because we were privileged to have our General Overseer, Rev. James A. Cross, who brought the evening message. He took his text from Mark 5:19, "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." We are not all called to preach, but we can all be personal witnesses for Jesus. Our souls were stirred by the message to do more for the Master.

Saturday was a blessed day because all of us made an altar to pray as we arrived at church. This helped us to be in the right attitude for the Lord's Supper and the feet washing service immediately

following. Then everyone assembled in the auditorium for an uplifting message from Brother Cross which helped us to better understand the church. In Psalm 46:5, "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early," he found his text. God will help the church and His help will come early.

After the morning service, the fellowship continued as the ladies of the Kenosha Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Adams, served a delicious meal.

Saturday afternoon we had some visiting ministers from Chicago with us. Rev. Wayne Proctor, pastor of the Summit Church, brought his trio with him. Rev. Harry Henderson, pastor of the Narragansett Avenue Church, brought an inspirational sermon about some things we need to be sure of—the Bible and the Holy Spirit. These ministers, the trio, and Sister Henderson were a great blessing to the prayer conference.

After the afternoon sermon each minister was given an opportunity to give a testimony of a definite answer to prayer which he had received since the General Assembly in 1956. These inspiring testimonies were blessed by a moving of the Holy Spirit. People wept as these consecrated brethren told of the wonders of answered prayer.

Saturday evening brought beautiful singing and the testimonies from the ministers' wives along with encouraging words from Sister Brown, our state overseer's wife and president of the L.W.W.B.'s in both States.

Brother Cross' message, "The Majestic Prayer of Moses," was very encouraging. He took his text from Exodus 33:13, "Now therefore, I pray thee if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people." In prayer we should ask God to show us His glory.

We were drawn closer to our Saviour by our prayer conference. All who attended went away with a greater determination to work for Jesus while it is yet day.

—Edna Kent, reporter

Alabama Prayer Conference

Mobile is known as the "city of Azaleas." When on March 16-18 the ministry of the Church of God in Alabama met at the Crichton Church in Mobile, the azaleas were beautifully blooming in the immaculate splendor and grandeur that only the Infinite God can display. The delegates were awe-stricken as they drank in the matchless

beauty of these unusual flowers growing on boulevards, public squares, private yards and in gardens. There seemed to be an imposing connection between the beauty of the flowers and the spiritual blessings of this great prayer conference, for the presence of God in all of His beauty and magnificence was as evident in the worship services as was evidenced in the azaleas.

Since Brother J. L. Goins and Brother A. V. Beaube began the annual state prayer conference in Iowa and Georgia, respectively, we have been prone to say every year that the current one was more wonderful than the one the former year. Our prayer conference this year was more wonderful in that it was more deeply soul-searching. One felt actually stripped naked, spiritually speaking, while in the midst of true pentecostal preaching or the awful presence of the manifested Holy Ghost, God turned His piercing searchlight upon one's soul. One's weakness became so apparent to himself and his emptiness so felt, that he knew that he had to move toward God, or sink. Our prayer conference was more wonderful in that the brethren preached solely to "build up the Church in the faith." No backslapping here! No self-glory here! The burden and cry of the messages were to return to genuine Bible holiness and revival. The brethren who preached "sought out the old landmark" and preached from there—and the ministry of Alabama was greatly moved.

Since that great meeting, the brethren have spoken of it with a bit of holy reverence. We cherish the memory of those truly great, moving services. Here are a few of the lines of an unsigned letter sent to the state office "... As far as I am concerned, it was the very best I have ever attended. ... We had wonderful preaching, a wonderful spirit, wonderful singing, and wonderful fellowship. ... If ever a Scripture was fulfilled, the one in the Bible which refers to our sitting in heavenly places was fulfilled. ..."

Actually, without desiring to be one wit flowery, we can say that words are inadequate to express the spiritual fervor and the godly urgency which permeated the series of services. God's great approval was placed upon the overseer's choice of the theme, "Revival Time," with the text, "Wilt thou not revive us again? ..." (Psalm 85:6).

In the midst of these provocative and soul-searching services, our brethren paused to cheerfully give an offering of \$181.45, so that our national broadcast, "Forward in Faith," might be carried weekly for a year to fifty thousand

English-speaking people in Panama.

Since prayer conference, revival fires have burned brightly, not only in scheduled revivals but also in pulpits throughout the State during regular services.

—Clyne W. Burton
Sunday School and Youth Director



Pray for my son, both soul and body, and for the complete healing of my body. —Mary Thomas
400 Harper St., Rome, Ga.

Pray earnestly for our child. —Bill Pierce, Tunnel Hill, Ga.

Pray for an urgent unspoken request. —Miss Barbara Staley
Nashville, Tenn.

Pray for a woman in bad need of God. —A friend

Pray that the Lord will heal me of heart trouble and my mother of diabetes. Also pray that I might have a closer walk with God.—A son who loves the Lord

Pray a special prayer for my brothers. —A reader of the EVANGEL

Pray for the healing of my body —Mrs. B. H. Smith
Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

Pray for some very special requests. —Mrs. Sam Cook
Rt. 1, Homerville, Ga.

Pray that my son-in-law will be able to get a job so that he and his family can move into a home of their own. Also pray for the healing of Mrs. John Hebert. —Mrs. Cecil Ledford
Biloxi, Miss.



in memoriam



HARRIS

James Henry Harris, age 58, a loyal member of the Church of God at Cherokee Falls, passed away February 5, 1959. A short illness of heart disease claimed his physical body, but God claimed the soul and spiritual body. A charter member to the church, he testified on Wednesday night in prayer meeting that he was ready to go or ready to stay. The following day about noon he passed away without any struggle. He is survived by his wife, 3 daughters and 4 sons. We know that loss is still keenly felt in the home and in our church. May God continue to comfort the loved ones in their sorrow.

—Louise Wisher, reporter

TAYLOR

Sister Emma Taylor, a faithful member of the Nicholls Church of God, departed this life the night of February 20, 1959. She was sitting at home reading the Word of God. Others in the room with her didn't notice for a while that she had gone to sleep in Jesus as she continued to sit with the Bible in her hands. Sister Taylor was 68 years old and loved church so much that she would walk great distances to attend. She was faithful

in all things. She has a daughter and son who are both members of the Nicholls Church of God. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

—Rev. Gilbert A. Lewis, pastor

HEIL

My dear mother, Mrs. J. R. Heil, went home to be with Jesus on March 7, 1959, at 9:15 a.m. She was a charter member of the Church of God at Abingdon, Virginia. She was a good mother and was loved by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, J. R. Heil, 5 sons, 6 daughters, 1 brother, 1 sister, 36 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. The Rev. Marvin E. Porter, of Bastian, Virginia was in charge of her funeral.

—Mrs. David Dollinger, daughter

GREEN (colored)

On a spring day, April 25, 1901, in Sneads, Florida, Mrs. Janie B. Green was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. James Dukes. She spent her childhood days in Sneads and attended the public school there. In later years she met and married Mr. Boyd Green, and to this union was born 3 children.

In 1926 she came to Miami to live. During the year of 1928, a revival was conducted in the Church of God in Liberty City under the leadership of the late Bishop John Ramsey and the late Mother Rosa Early. Sister Green was saved and became the first member of the Church of God in Liberty City. She was a faithful and loyal member and served in many offices of the church.

In 1938 the Lord called her to the ministry. She conducted many revivals and many souls were saved through her ministry. She traveled to many parts of the United States and was one of the Church of God's leading lady evangelists. Her latest evangelistic work was in Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Gary, Indiana; and Indianapolis, Indiana.

While she was on her way to

church in Chicago, Illinois, Sunday, March 22, 1959, it pleased the Lord to call her home. Sister Green leaves to mourn her passing, 2 devoted sons and 1 daughter—Rueben L., William, and Lillian; 2 daughters-in-law, 1 son-in-law, 12 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sister Green has gone to rest in that fair city. Her work here on earth has been successfully finished. Oh! how wonderful it will be when we all gather up there, where no storm clouds roll, and where God shall wipe away all tears. Sleep on, Sister Green, and take your needed rest. We loved you, but God loved you best.

—Rev. J. T. Roberts
Overseer of the colored work

GILMER

On March 13, 1959, the death angel called our faithful brother and member of the Ridgeview Church of God, Brother Frank Gilmer, to be with the Lord. His death was sudden and a shock to our community. On Wednesday night before his death, he was shouting the high praises of God in our prayer meeting. When the doors of the little church opened, he was sure to be there with his humble attitude and gentle smile. He truly gave God the first fruits of his increase and the Lord richly blessed him in all our services.

He leaves his wife, 4 daughters, 3 sons, and a host of friends to mourn his passing, but our loss is heaven's gain.

His funeral was conducted on Sunday, March 15, at the Saluda Street Church of God by his pastor, Rev. Jesse J. Griffin and assisted by Rev. H. G. Mushegan. He was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery in Chester.

—Rev. Jesse J. Griffin, pastor

BROWN

Our beloved brother in Christ, John Carl Brown, age 80, went to be with Jesus on the morning of March 4, 1959. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Brown, and 1 daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Hall. Brother Brown was a member of the Church of God and was loved by all who knew him. We will greatly miss him, for he was a faithful and active member in the church until a month before his death. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Horton, pastor of the Church of God in Kissimmee, Florida.

—Mrs. Betty Groves, reporter



testimonies

"God Has Never Let Us Down"

CRISFIELD, Md.—I want to praise the Lord for His healing power and for the many times He has healed in our home. I have failed in many ways, but He has never let us down.

I promised to write the *Evangel* and tell of His healing power, but I never did. I am trying to keep some of my promises now. Twelve years ago in January, God wonderfully healed my little baby girl, who was at that time about nine weeks' old, of pneumonia. At that time my father was not a Christian, and he got the doctor and brought him to the house. Through God's help, I told them I was trusting the Lord. The doctor looked at her and said she had labor pneumonia and bronchial pneumonia at the same time. In my weak way I stood for His healing power. God healed her and also saved my father. Later my mother was saved; now both are members of the Church of God. I praise God for this because it means so much to me.

About 7 years ago I had a terrible spell. I never had a doctor at that time. I had hemorrhaged until it seemed as though all my blood was gone. We sent for Rev. W. T. Morefield and some of the brethren to pray for me. Brother Samuel Killman was one of them. I was so bad at that time that I could hardly remember who did come. At the time my pulse had stopped. Praise God, then He came on the scene. Brother Morefield told me to praise God for He had raised me from the dead.

As I got better, I crawled on my hands and knees because it seemed as if I had three hearts, one in my head, one in my stomach, and one where it should be. This was from the loss of blood. I praise Him today because I now weigh about 151 pounds.

Since that time, God has bless-

ed our home with another baby girl which makes our home one of eight children, and I have trusted God through each of their births and for the healing of their bodies. He is so real to me. Pray for me to stand true and keep the faith as Paul did, for it isn't what we have done, but it is the long, last mile that will count on that day. —Mrs. Walton Thomas

Healed of Growth

GREENVILLE, S. C.—I want to thank the Lord for saving me and for His healing power. I had a little growth to come on the right side of my head and it got sore and bothered me when I lay down. I told the Lord that if He would heal me that I would send my testimony to the *Evangel*. Please pray that I might receive the blessed Holy Ghost.

—Mrs. Annie Broadwater

God Heals Nervous Condition

ALVA, Fla.—Since I have been sick, I promised God I would do anything for Him if He would heal me. My husband and I pastor the Alva, Florida, Church of God, and our people have been so concerned about my nervous condition. I was taken sick a few days ago and our church banded together in chain prayers, seeking God for my healing. Praise be to our God, He has so wonderfully touched my body. My father, Rev. M. M. Thomas, and his congregation, along with many other churches and pastors, were praying earnestly for my healing. I give God all the praise for this wonderful blessing. I believe I am going to be all right now.

I appreciate the Church of God *Evangel*. The sermons and testimonies have helped me so much.

—Mrs. R. H. Anderson

God Heals Child

GREENVILLE, Fla.—On Monday, March 30, 1959, my 16-month-old grandson was accidentally run over by a milk truck. He was rushed to the hospital and then to the operating room, where he stayed 5 hours. On Friday, the fourth day after the accident, the doctors gave up hope and said there wasn't a chance for the baby to live. His fever would go to 105 degrees. He was crushed inside. They had tubes in his nose and put him under an oxygen tent. The doctors said that if there were those who wanted to see the baby alive, they should be called at once. We called the family and the churches and the praying people together and formed a band of prayer. The Lord heard our cry. The baby was improving in 3 or 4 hours after the doctors said there was no chance for him to live. By the time all the family arrived, they had removed the oxygen tent, and he was doing good. He stayed in the hospital 15 days, but was improving day after day. He is now home and doing fine. The doctors and nurses say, "Surely it was God that undertook, for we did all in our power that could be done." I promised God if He would heal this child I would write in to the *Evangel*. Thanks be to God for being so merciful.

—Sadie Mae Thigpen

God Answers Prayer

HAMILTON, Ohio—I thank God for all the blessings He has given my family.

I took my baby to the hospital about 3 weeks ago. He had temperature of 104 degrees, so they kept him. After I went home, I prayed for God to heal him. The next morning I called the doctor and asked how my baby was. He said he never had seen anything like it, and I asked him what he meant. He said, "From the time they got the baby up to the 4th floor and in bed his fever had gone down to normal." The doctor may not know what brought it down but I do. It was my God's healing. Praise the Lord, He can heal those who believe. I love the Lord with all my heart and want to bring my baby up to know the Lord as his Savior too.

—Mrs. Eva Cobb

Healed of Poison Ivy

ASHLAND, Ky.—Just a word of testimony for Jesus. I thank Him for healing my body of a bad case of poison ivy.

I am a member of the Church of God at Ashland, Kentucky.

—Donald Light

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